Inspector besides meeting these petitioners has done anything to enquire into the allegations contained in the petition?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He made enquiries and reported.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the report of the Inspector?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to place the report at least during the next meeting?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What sort of enquiry has been made by the Inspector of Police?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He enquired.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Why did the District Magistrate issue the injunction to the Sabha instead of to these gentlemen?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No injunction was issued to the Sabha at all. The Sabha had nothing to do with it.

Economic Survey.

70. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state how long the Superintendent, Economic Survey, will take to complete the economic survey of the State and submit his report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—An Economic Survey of only four typical villages and not of the whole State is at present being undertaken. It is hoped that the survey of these villages will be over in 1109 and the report will be submitted as soon as possible.

Elichirakkal chira.

71. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have received any representations from the people of Poyya and Madathumpadi (Mukundapuram Taluk) regarding improvements to be made to the Elichiarkkal chira;

(b) if so, what are the improvements requested for;

(c) what action have the Government taken on the above representations?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) 1. To reconstruct the existing sluice and bridge.

2. To remove the sluice and bridge a little to the west.

3. To construct an additional sluice

4. To straighten the existing bund.

(c) Necessary amount has been proposed to be provided in the budget proposals for 1110.

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Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(c) Are amounts to be provided for all the requests mentioned in (b) or only for some of them?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—For all the items that are considered necessary.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Of these four items what are the items considered necessary?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—So far as enquiry shows, items 1, 2 and 3 are necessary. As regards 4, we have not come to any definite conclusion.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is that matter still under consideration—the straightening of the bund ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is the straightening of the bund expected to cause a very heavy expenditure ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The question is whether it is absolutely necessary for the purpose of that area.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will not that chira serve the purposes of a road also ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It will serve the purpose of a foot-path and for that the existing bund will be quite sufficient.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will not the straightening of the bund be a great improvement ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is only a small foot-path of about 6 feet wide and its straightening does not appear to be so very essential for that purpose.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Has there been a request for raising the height of this chira ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—That is being attended to even this year.

Public Works—1108.

72. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works, with the amounts spent, done by the P. W. D in 1108 which were not included in the budget?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A list of the works showing the amounts spent is appended. (*Appendix IV.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—More than 80 items are included in this appendix. If any bridge is damaged or if anything unforeseen happens I can understand why it could not be included in the budget. Why original works which are not included in the Budget undertaken in preference to works which are already included in the budget ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If one goes through the list of works one will find that the original works are very

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